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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms barely steady to weak. No sales reported. Demand limited with many industry people taking extended leave for the holidays. Shortened holiday work schedules along with continued weather problems causing many shipping and delivery problems. Parts and meats trading was slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand slow. Most interest noted from Mexico. Supplies for immediate shipment light, adequate for deferred.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 29, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 28, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK ENDING **DECEMBER 29, 2000**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.50**	69.50	67.50**	EASTERN REGION	70.31	79.58	72.39
CENTRAL REGION	63.50**	65.70**	65.50**	CENTRAL REGION	69.37	78.54	71.29
WESTERN REGION	67.00**	67.70**	67.50**	WESTERN REGION	71.18	80.08	73.31
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	64.10**	53.00	EASTERN REGION	64.96	72.88	65.62
CENTRAL REGION	61.00**	63.00**	62.00**	CENTRAL REGION	64.03	71.68	65.55
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	64.10**	64.00**	WESTERN REGION	65.10	72.23	67.02

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 01-JAN-2001

	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	89.50	100	89.50	100
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	89.50	100	89.50	100
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	472,397*
DECEMBER 1-23, 2000	338,209*
To date 2000	5,262,082*
To date 1999	4,981,098*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	HEAD	PW	WT	---	THOUSAND	HEAD	---
							WT
N EAST	834	-1	22.50	(A)	(A)	838	22.50
S ATL	879	-5	27.51	(A)	(A)	883	27.51
N CENT	1,873	-16	30.28	(A)	(A)	1,877	30.28
S CENT	522	35	21.24	(A)	(A)	526	21.24
WEST	603	1	22.15	(A)	(A)	607	22.15
U.S.TOTAL	4,711(B)	-6	26.34	0	20	4,731	26.34
TO DATE							
2000	251,761(B)			166	1,265	253,192	
TO DATE							
1999	246,700(B)			55	1,916	248,671	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 57,000; for the year 1,814,000; last year to date 761,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
AVG WT	15.28	34.59	26.23	29.80	26.34
LAST WEEK	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014
SAME WK YR AGO	2,967 (B)		21	59	3,047
AVG WT	26.58 (B)		25.14	27.47	26.58
TO-DATE/2000	250,113 (B)		1,814	1,265	253,192
TO-DATE/1999	245,994 (B)		761	1,916	248,671

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading and demand light. Trade sentiment generally steady on limited domestic sales. Holiday schedules remain in effect for most buyers and processors. Winter weather conditions continue to plague both buyers and sellers alike due to shipping and delivery delays. Export movement light with most interest noted from Mexico. Offerings available for export, light for prompt shipments, adequate for deferred shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	24.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	21.00	90
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	22.50	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	27.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	37.00	10
NECKS, TOM		F	22.00	80
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	148.71	280
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	155.93	142
THIGH MEAT		R	78.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	73.00		73.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	128.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	145.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00		150.00	48
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	57.50	50
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	25.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	19.35	86
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-24.00		23.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.82	132
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	77.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading slow and demand limited. Trade sentiment generally steady on not fully tested sales. Holiday shortened schedules remain in effect. Winter weather conditions causing shipping and delivery delays. Export inquiry slow to materialize due the holidays, some interest noted from Mexico for prompt arrival. Offerings generally mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	100.00	40		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	24.50	20		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	21.00	90	21.00	90
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	22.50	20		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	10	22.21	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	27.00	10	27.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	37.00	10	37.00	10
NECKS, TOM		F	22.00	80		
NECKS, HEN		F	16.00	10		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	155.93	142		
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	73.00	40	73.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		W	128.00	12	128.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	150.00	48	150.00	48
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50-20.00		19.17	72	19.17	72
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	23.50	80	23.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.50		19.50	156	19.50	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.00	104	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	77.00	80	77.00	80

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